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#### FEES TO INCREASE FOR REPLACEMENT REMITTANCES

Effective 10/1/2008, AHCCCS will charge providers \$4.00 per page for replacement or additional copies of hard copy remittance advices.

# TRANSPORTATION SERVICE RATE INCREASES

AHCCCS is increasing Fee for Service rates for all transportation services effective for dates of service beginning October 1, 2008. Both mileage and base components are being adjusted for inflation. The new rates can be found on the AHCCCS website at, http://www.azahcccs.gov/RatesCodes/Default.aspx#ffs.

# **NURSING FACILITY RATES**

Effective for dates of service beginning October 1, 2008 AHCCCS is adjusting the Fee for Service Rates for Nursing Facilities (NF). NF rates are being adjusted by component. The rates can be accessed through the AHCCCS website at: http://www.azahcccs.gov/RatesCodes/Default.aspx.

## **HCBS RATES**

AHCCCS is adjusting Fee for Service Rates for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) effective for dates of service beginning October 1, 2008. The rates can be accessed through the AHCCCS website at: <a href="http://www.azahcccs.gov/RatesCodes/Default.aspx.">http://www.azahcccs.gov/RatesCodes/Default.aspx.</a>

### **HEMOPHILIA PRODUCTS**

A brand new product line **XYNTHA** has just been added to the already published 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2008 pricing schedule for hemophilia products. This new product was effective 8/15/2008 and will carry on beginning with the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2008 update. Further information can be found on the AHCCCS website: <a href="http://www.azahcccs.gov/RatesCodes/FFS/Hemophilia/HemophiliaPricing07080908.aspx">http://www.azahcccs.gov/RatesCodes/FFS/Hemophilia/HemophiliaPricing07080908.aspx</a>

# 31624 – BRONCHOSCOPY WITH BRONCHIAL ALVEOLAR LAVAGE

Effective 10/1/2008, AHCCCS will no longer accept modifier 50 with CPT 31624.

### **SELF-DIRECTED ATTENDANT CARE – SDAC**

The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System has established Fee-for-Service rates for Self-Directed Consumer Care (SDAC) under the ALTCS Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) program.

#### Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

Fee-for-Service Rates for Self Directed Attendant Care Effective August 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009

HCPCS Code	Modifier	Service Description	Unit	Rate
S5125 <sup>1</sup>	U2	Attendant care provided through the SDAC service	15 min.	\$3.20
S5125	U2, U4	Attendant care provided through the SDAC service, by family member, not residing in member's home	15 min.	\$3.20
S5125	U2, U5	Attendant care provided through the SDAC service, by family member residing in member's home	15 min.	\$3.20
S5108		Home care training to home care client (Training Provided through the SDAC service to the member)	15 min.	\$4.30
S5110		Home care training, family (training provided through the SDAC service to the attendant care worker who is related to the member)	15 min.	\$4.30
S5115		Home care training, nonfamily (training provided through the SDAC service to an unrelated attendant care worker)	15 min.	\$4.30
T2040	UA	Initiation of Fiscal/Employer Agent (FEA) service, per member		\$57.50
T2040	UB	FEA Service, monthly		\$52.50
T1023		Initiation of FEA service per ACW, no background check		\$27.50
T1023	UC	Initiation of FEA service per ACW, with background check		\$32.50

<sup>1.</sup> Based on the hourly rate paid to ACW in the current model for attendant care services plus employer's share of Social security, Medicare, Unemployment and Worker's Compensation Insurance. Employee sponsored group health insurance is not included in the rate which will need to be adjusted if health insurance is offered and taken.

Program descriptions and service definitions can be found in Chapter 13 of the AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM). The AMPM which is available on-line at: http://www.azahcccs.gov/Regulations/OSPpolicy/

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